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AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 10, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 6, 8, 9, and 16.

**REMARKS**

Claims 6, 8, 9, and 16 have been canceled. Claims 2, 15, and 18 have been previously canceled. Claims 1, 3 through 5, 7, 10 through 14, 17, and 19 through 23 remain in the application.

The Examiner has found the application to contain claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

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